HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE
BRAC BIT: #55
DATE: 16 October 2009
SUBJECT(S): BBI Networking Event, Fort Meade EIS and CYBER BITS
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1. **Upcoming Events:**
   a. **BRAC Business Initiative Partnership and Networking Session # 1:**
      i. **Date: 21 October 2009, 08:00 to 10:00 AM**
      ii. **Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2**
          Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610
      iii. **Agenda:**
          - **Introduction**
          - **SAIC Presentation**
          - **Explanation and Discussion of the BBI Partnership Networking Action**
          - **Networking Between BBI Partners**
      iv. *Who should attend:* **All members of the BBI organization**
      v. *Who may want to attend:* **Businesses interested in becoming BBI Partners**
2. **Discussion:**
   a. Fort Meade Campus Environmental Impact Statement:
      i. On 2 July 2009, there was an entry in the Federal Register titled: "*Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Campus Development Project Within the Fort Meade Complex, MD.*" Further on it states; "*...to meet the National Security Agency's continually evolving requirements and for Intelligence Community use.*"
   ii. As part of the EIS process, the EIS contractor working for the Department of Defense asked for comments on a "scoping document" related to the project. The Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) sent a formal response to the Department of Defense. We have attached that response to this BRAC BIT for your information. We have also attached a copy of the Federal Register page containing the original requirement.

3. **CYBER BITS:**
   Robert McMillan, IDG News Service

"May (09) was not a good month for geeks in Estonia. The tiny Baltic republic weathered a month-long cyberattack that shuttered Internet servers nationwide. At the height of the crisis, people who wanted to use payment cards to buy bread or gas had to wait, as the onslaught crippled Estonia's banks. Investigators traced the attack to Russians angered by Estonia's decision to relocate the statue of a Red Army soldier erected during the Soviet era. Tensions over the incident led to rumors of Russian state involvement in the cyberattacks. Even if these suppositions are never corroborated, Estonia's experience may be repeated elsewhere. "Estonia shows us how, as we become more networked and more wired, our vulnerabilities increase," says James Mulvenon, the director of the Center for Intelligence Research and Analysis, a Washington, D.C., think tank. With a population of just over 1.3 million, Estonia is one of the most wired countries on earth. Elections, banking, and point-of-sale systems have largely moved to the Web, so cyberattacks such as the one in May can have a profound effect on its commerce."